

and delivered to the lost and found custodian will not be retained beyond the official closing hour. The currency or negotiable instruments will be delivered to the agent cashier before the close of business. Individuals claiming found articles will furnish complete identification and satisfy the facility authority of rightful ownership. Where more than one individual claims ownership the matter will be referred to the Manager for decision. All articles of personal property remaining unclaimed for 90 days or more will be disposed of in accordance with § 12.8.

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§ 13.1 Authority.

The regulations in this part are issued pursuant to 38 U.S.C. 501 to reflect action under 38 U.S.C. 512 and to implement 38 U.S.C. 5301, 5502, 5503, 5711 and 8520. The duties, the delegations of authority, and all actions required of the Veterans Services Officer set forth in §§ 13.1 through 13.111 inclusive, are to be performed under the direction of, and authority vested in, the Director of the field facility.

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§ 13.2 Field examinations.

(a) *Authority to conduct; generally.* Field personnel in the Office of the Veterans Services Division and other employees who are qualified and designated by the field facility Director are authorized, when assigned, to conduct investigations (field examinations) and examine witnesses upon any matter within the jurisdiction of the Department of Veterans Affairs, to take affidavits, to administer oaths and affirmations, to certify copies of public or private documents and to aid claimants in the preparation of claims.

(b) *Scope of field examinations; fiduciary activities.* Field examinations include but are not limited to the following:

(1) Matters involving the administration of estates and the welfare of beneficiaries of the Department of Veterans Affairs who are under legal disability or in need of supervision by the Veterans Services Officer.